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# Instructional Strategies to Improve Student Achievement

## Summer 11 Professional Development

College of Mount St. Vincent

**\$625 for 3 Graduate or \$450 for 3 In-service Credits**

### The Power of Formative Assessment

As a result of this course, participants will develop skills and strategies to formatively assess student learning. "Anyone who has ever played or coached a team sport understands the basic idea that ongoing assessment and adjustment are the keys to improved performance" (McTighe, 2007). In this course, participants will engage in the process of ongoing assessment, feedback, reflection, revision and instruction. Participants will develop what Charlotte Danielson (2006) calls a "Habit of Mind" in which student assessments guide teacher instruction. The book *Checking for Understanding* by Douglas Fisher and Nancy Frey will be the guiding text. Course expectations include taking ideas from individual research, small group online discussions and whole group sessions to put ideas into action. Participants will be able to make an immediate impact upon their teacher and the learning outcomes for students in their classes. The online work and correspondence will be completed on the class wiki page. The link for the course is [drgillwiki.wikispaces.com](http://drgillwiki.wikispaces.com). This portion of the course requires posting on a discussion board. Participants will work towards a final project, creating interconnected lessons and reflections aimed at improving student learning. Participants will provide repository of classroom documents aligned with NYS Learning Standards. This hybrid course will require 24 hours face-to-face and 21 hours online/fieldwork. Required readings are "Checking for Understanding", by Fisher, D. and Frey, N. (2007), and "Results Now", by Schmoker, Mike (2006). NYS Learning Standard: ALL

**College of Mount Saint Vincent Course # CEGE532-R01 - RTC#71-13**

**Format:** Hybrid - 24 Face-to-face and 21 Online/Fieldwork hours  
**Site:** North Rockland High School  
**Instructor:** Dr. Michael Gill  
**Credits:** 3 Graduate/3 In-service/Non-Credit Audit Hours  
**Dates:** Tues./Thurs., August 9, 11, 16, 18, 23, 25, 2011  
**Times:** 4:30-8:30 pm  
**Cost:** Graduate: \$625, In-service \$450, or Audit/Non-credit \$150

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